bar Biosphere Reserve, Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve, Eraviculam National Park and Govinda Pashu Vihar. in addition, faunal documents on the Palamau Tiger Reserve, Simlipal Tiger Reserve, Sunderban Tiger Reserve and Manas Tiger Reserve will be prepared and Published.

(iv) National Wetland Survey of six wetlands, viz., Chilka, Kabar, Ujni, Ashtamudi, Renuka which have been carried out will be finalised and published. In addition, it is proposed to carry out wetland survey in respect of four other wetlands, viz. Sukhna, Loktak, Pichola and Sambar; the results of the survey of these wetlands will also be finalized and published.

(v) Status Survey of endangered specices will be undertaken and complited in respect of the followig species ;

(1) Desert Cat

(2) Chinkara

(3) Satyr Trag. opan

Biosphere Reserve Programme

4588. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the Biosphere Reserve Programme ;

(b) what is the annual amount being spent on this programme ; and

(c) what are its future plans and programmes for the next three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) The Biosphere Reserve Programme was launched in the Seventh Plan Period. The main objectives of the Programme are to conserve the diversity and genetic integrity of plants, animals and micro-organisms ; to promote scientific research on ecology, conservation and other environmental aspects ; to provide facilities for education, awareness and training ; and effective participation of the people. Since the launch of the Programme, seven Biosphere Reserve have been set up. These are Nilgiri (Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka), Nanda Devi (Uttar Pradesh), Sunderbans (West-Bengal), Nokrek (Meghalaya), Great Nicobar (Andaman & Nicobar Islands), Gulf of Mannar (Tamil Nadu) and Manas (Assam).

(b) The total amount spent during the year 1993-94 on the Biosphere Reserve Programme was Rs. 390 lakhs for activities like survey and demarcation, protection, eco-restoration, education and awareness, research projects etc. In 1991-92, the expenditure incurred was Rs. 152 lakhs and in 1992-93, the expenditure incurred was Rs. 160 lakhs.

(c) During the Eighth Plan Period, it is proposed to further consolidate and strengthen the ongoing activities, and in addition, take up eco-development and demonstration projects, scientific research programmes etc. It is also proposed to establish 2-3 more Biosphere Reserve.

Implementation of Forestry Action Plan

4589 SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to bring Forestry Action Plan to protect forests and also to provide fodder for the cattle ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this Forestry Action Plan Government envisages to do with the assistance of international organisations ; and

(c) if so, by when the said Forestry Action Plan would be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) to (c) Government of India have entered